

S. W. Blount Residence
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The present owner and occupant is McRay Thompson. He acquired the place from G. W. Slaughter, Sr. about 1925.

G. W. Slaughter acquired the place from T. W. Blount, Jr. about 1914, when the central north wing was added, and the house generally was repaired through the financial assistance of San Augustine citizens.

The east wing was added in 1855 by S. W. Blount, builder of the original house. The north extension of this wing is modern, with novelty siding, modern sash and doors, concrete foundation, etc. It was evidently moved bodily to its present position since it does not square with the original east wing. The west wing was also built by S. W. Blount in 1859. The north extension of this wing was originally T. W. Blount's office, and was moved to this position. No record of Architects or Builders for these changes and additions exists.

The original house was built by S. W. Blount in 1838. The Architect was a Mr. Phelps of Brandon, Vermont.

S. W. Blount moved to San Augustine from Brandon, Vermont in 1834. He was one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. He had a family of six children, possessed six household slaves, and a large estate. His only living son, T. W. Blount, ninety-five years of age now lives on the street to the rear of the S. W. Blount place. He was born in the original home, and is the principal source of information concerning its history.

San Augustine was established as a township under Spanish authority in 1832, and was the largest town in Texas with a population of 2,000 in 1836. It was the home of many prominent pioneer families, the Cartwrights, Subletts, McFarlands, Randalls, Gov. Roberts, Gov. Hendersons, etc.

The design of the house followed closely the design of a house in Mr. Blount's native Brandon, Vermont.

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It was built of heart long leaf yellow pine,
mortised at joints, cut nails, etc. Mr. Blount
habitually repainted every five years.

For further information reference is made to
Rev. George L. Crockett's book "Two Centuries in
East Texas".

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